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MEMORANDUM FOR: IWG Members

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Mr. Douglas Coster, State/EDS

SUBJECT : Clearance of [] date of information 4 February 1954.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the text of the subject communication. Permission has been granted to disseminate further this communication as follows:

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2. [] probably refers to the shipment reported in [] (see IWG dissemination memorandum, Control Number 447235, of 26 January 1954).

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3. It is not clear, as yet, who owns the copper referred to in [] Under terms of the contract signed in 1953 between NORDDEUTSCHE AFFINERIE and Caja de Credito y Fomento Minero, if the two parties can agree upon price the refined copper becomes NDA property; if price agreement is not reached Caja de Credito retains title to the copper, paying NDA its refining charges (see Hamburg D-298, 3 February 1954).

If Caja retains title to the copper it is believed that diversion may be a possibility, particularly in view of the information contained in []

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4. Suggestions for the development of further intelligence are as follows:

a. Query AmConGen Hamburg as to the possibility of securing on a current basis from NDA information on all copper refined on a custom basis, including amount, origin and identity of owner, as well as proposed disposition if that information is available to NDA.

b. In view of the strong possibility of diversion of the copper on the Bolivia, request AmConGen Hamburg to determine its ownership and final disposition.

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5. It is requested that this Agency be advised of further use of the foregoing information by the addressees of this memorandum.

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Executive Secretary
Intelligence Working Group

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Swedish vessel, Bolivia, owned by Johson Line, transited Panama Canal on 4 February 1954 en route to Hamburg, Germany, carrying 860,000 kilos copper in bulk, consigned to Norddeutsche Affinerie, Hamburg 36, by Ca Ja De Credito Minero, Chile. Shipment was loaded at Coquimbo, Chile, for discharge at Hamburg,

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